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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-13, without prejudice. Kindly amend claims 14-47, as shown below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application:

**Claim 1-13 (canceled):**

**Claim 14 (previously presented):** A mold comprising:

a) a shell comprising a cavity side and a back side, wherein said cavity side defines a mold cavity;

b) a resistive heater comprising a resistive element and an electrically insulating element, wherein said heater is shaped to conform to at least a portion of said back side of said shell, and said heater is in conformal contact with said back side of said shell; and

c) a housing capable of physically supporting said shell and said heater, wherein said heater is disposed between said shell and said housing.

**Claim 15 (previously presented):** The mold of claim 14, wherein said resistive heater in step (b) is adhered to at least a portion of said back side of said shell.

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**Claim 16 (previously presented):** The mold of claim 14, wherein said resistive heater in step (b) is not adhered to said shell.

**Claim 17 (previously presented):** The mold of claim 14, further comprising a thermal barrier element disposed between said heater and said housing.

**Claim 18 (previously presented):** The mold of claim 14, further comprising a cooling jacket.

**Claim 19 (previously presented):** The mold of claim 14, wherein said resistive heater is coupled to a power supply, wherein application of current from said power supply results in production of heat by said resistive element.

**Claim 20 (previously presented):** The mold of claim 14, wherein an electrically insulating element is disposed between said resistive element and said back side.

**Claim 21 (previously presented):** The mold of claim 14, wherein an electrically insulating element is disposed between said housing and said resistive element.

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**Claim 22 (previously presented):** The mold of claim 14, further comprising one or more additional heaters.

**Claim 23 (currently amended):** The mold of claim 22, wherein said one or more additional heaters are in conformal contact with said back ~~said~~ side.

**Claim 24 (previously presented):** The mold of claim 22, wherein at least a portion of said heater of (b) is disposed between at least a portion of said one or more additional heaters and said back side.

**Claim 25 (previously presented):** The mold of claim 14, further comprising one or more thermal sensors.

**Claim 26 (previously presented):** The mold of claim 25, wherein said thermal sensors comprise an array of thermocouples.

**Claim 27 (previously presented):** A method of making a molded product, said method comprising the steps of:

a) providing a mold comprising:

i) a shell comprising a cavity side and a back side, wherein said cavity side defines a mold cavity;

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ii) a resistive heater comprising a resistive element and an electrically insulating element, wherein said heater is shaped to conform to at least a portion of said back side of said shell, and said heater is in conformal contact with said back side of said shell; and

iii) a housing capable of physically supporting said shell and said heater, wherein said heater is disposed between said shell and said housing;

b) heating said resistive heater by the application of current; and

c) injecting a material to be molded into said mold, wherein said heated resistive heater regulates the solidification of said material, thereby forming said molded product.

**Claim 28 (previously presented):** The method of claim 27, wherein said mold further comprises a cooling jacket.

**Claim 29 (previously presented):** The method of claim 27, further comprising step (d) cooling said material in said mold.

**Claim 30 (previously presented):** The method of claim 27, wherein said material is a thermoplastic material, thermoset material, metal, ceramic, cermet, glass, or combination thereof.

**Claim 31 (previously presented):** A method of making a mold, said method comprising the steps of:

a) providing a shell comprising a cavity side and a back side and a housing capable of physically supporting said shell, wherein said cavity side defines a mold cavity; and

b) depositing a resistive element on at least a portion of said back side, wherein when said shell is supported by said housing, said resistive element is disposed between said shell and said housing.

**Claim 32 (previously presented):** The method of claim 31, further comprising the steps of:

c) forming an electrically isolated, resistive heater path in said resistive element; and  
d) connecting said resistive heater path of step (c) to a power supply, thereby fabricating a resistive heater.

**Claim 33 (previously presented):** The method of claim 32, wherein said forming in step (c) is by micromachining, microabrading, laser cutting, chemical etching, or e-beam etching.

**Claim 34 (previously presented):** The method of claim 31, further comprising the step, prior to step (b), of depositing an electrically insulating element on at least a portion of said back side of said shell.

**Claims 35 (previously presented):** The method of claim 31 further comprising the step of:

(c) depositing a thermal barrier element on at least a portion of said resistive element.

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**Claim 36 (previously presented):** The method of claim 31, wherein said shell is produced by electroplating, electroless deposition, molding, spray forming, machining, CVD or PVD.

**Claim 37 (previously presented):** A method of making a mold, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a shell comprising a cavity side and a back side and a housing capable of physically supporting said shell, wherein said cavity side defines a mold cavity; and

(b) forming a resistive heater that has a shape that is conformal to at least a portion of said back side, wherein when said shell and said resistive heater are supported by said housing, said resistive element is disposed between said shell and said housing.

**Claim 38 (previously presented):** The method of 37, wherein said forming in step (b) comprises:

i) depositing a resistive element on at least a portion of an object replicating at least a portion of the shape of said back side; and

ii) removing said resistive element from said object.

**Claim 39 (previously presented):** The method of 38, further comprising depositing an electrically insulating element on at least a portion of said object prior to step (i), wherein said removing in step (ii) also removes said electrically insulating element.

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**Claim 40 (previously presented):** The method of 38, further comprising depositing an electrically insulating element on at least a portion of said resistive element, before or after step (ii).

**Claim 41 (previously presented):** The method of 38, further comprising depositing a thermal barrier element on at least a portion of said resistive element, before or after step (ii).

**Claim 42 (previously presented):** The method of 38, wherein said depositing comprises thermal spraying.

**Claim 43 (previously presented):** The method of 37, wherein said forming in step (b) comprises:

- i) providing a second shell having a shape conformal to at least a portion of said back side; and
- ii) depositing a resistive element on said second shell.

**Claim 44 (previously presented):** The method of 43, further comprising depositing an electrically insulating element on at least a portion of said second shell prior to step (ii).

**Claim 45 (previously presented):** The method of 43, further comprising depositing an electrically insulating element on at least a portion of said resistive element.

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**Claim 46 (previously presented):** The method of 43, further comprising depositing a thermal barrier element on at least a portion of said resistive element.

**Claim 47 (previously presented):** The method of 43, wherein said depositing comprises thermal spraying.

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